REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Office has required restriction of Claims 1-14 into the following groups:

Group I: Claims 1-9 are drawn to a semiconductor device.

Group II: Claims 10-14 are drawn to a method of making a semiconductor device.

Applicant elects, without traverse, Group I (claims 1-9) for further prosecution.

Applicant also submits, that if the product claims are found allowable, claims directed to the method of making and/or using such product(s), should be rejoined under MPEP § 821.04, if the respective method claims depend on, or include all the limitations of, the corresponding allowed product claim(s).

Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for examination on the merits, and request early notice of such action.

Respectfully submitted,

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